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SUBJECT: COMMITTE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

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1. WE HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE INDONESIAN POSITION IN COMMITTEE OF 24 FROM DJAMARIS, ACTING CHIEF OF FON DEPT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE, WHO OFFERED FOLLOWING OUTLINE OF GOI THINKING BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH INDONESIAN PERMREP SANI PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK TWO DAYS AGO. FROM PROCEDURAL STANDPOINT, GOI TAKES VIEW THAT PUERTO RICO IS NOT RPT NOT A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY AND THAT IT IS THEREFORE INAPPROPRIATE FOR STATUS OF PUERTO RICO TO BE DICUSSED IN UNGA OR IN COMMITTEES. IF RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED, GOI WOULD AS MINIMUM ABSTAIN. DJARMIS SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED POSTPONEMENT WITH SANI BUT VENTURED OPINION THAT THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GOI POSITION.

2. DJARMIS ADDED PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT THERE WAS PARALLEL BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND TIMOR AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS INDONESIANS MIGHT TAKE STRONGER POSITION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THAN LAST YEAR. IN GOI'S VIEW PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION MUST BE INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS AND, AS IN CASE OF PUERTO RICO, TIMOR, AND SAHARA, NEED NOT BE SYNONYMOUS WITH INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMMENT: DJARMIS' COMMENTS ARE BASICALLY REITERATION OF STANDARD GOI POSITION FROM LAST YEAR AND CLEARLY SUGGEST THAT GOI HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DEFINITE DECISIONS ABOUT ITS STRATEGY ON PUERTO RICO THIS YEAR. WE RECOMMEND USUN KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SANI, WHO WILL AS ALWAYS HAVE IMPORTANT AND POSSIBLY DEVWSIVE ROLE IN DETERMINING GOI POSITION. AMBASSADOR HAS REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FON MIN MALIK NEXT WEEK AND WILL RAISE QUESTION WITH HIM.

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